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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Development Projects Division

SUBJECT : Realignment of CHALICE Assets

REFERENCE : Memorandum for DD/P, dated 19 August 1960,
from AC/DPD, same subject (Chal-1141)

1. I have indicated on the attached memorandum my approval, subject to provisos which are as follows and are well known to you:

25X1C a. I have requested final approval for the establishment of a [REDACTED] detachment. Final concurrence in your plans depends on receipt of this policy approval.

b. I expect to follow up actively with the State Department and elsewhere on the proposal for a [REDACTED] detachment. Obviously, approval of the reference depends on receiving this policy approval. 25X1C

25X1C c. The details of staffing and equipment allocation for either or both of these new detachments will, of course, be subject to review in the light of negotiations with the two governments concerned. In particular, I would hope that we can postpone the conversion of two additional aircraft for the J-75 engine until we have not only received approval to proceed with the [REDACTED] detachment but also have a better understanding of [REDACTED] intentions.

2. You may have a real problem in deciding what Agency, Air Force, and contractor personnel to retain on duty pending the firming up of our plans. I hope the decision on [REDACTED] will be made promptly and that we will know one way or another within a few days whether the 46 personnel will be required for that purpose. With respect to the [REDACTED] 25X1C 25X1C

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detachment, not only will the decision take longer but there will then be a long period of negotiations with the [REDACTED] and training of the [REDACTED] pilots which makes the 15 January target date if anything optimistic. I am not sure we can afford to keep 43 personnel waiting around for four or five months and in due time would like to know what your plans are on this aspect of the matter. I am hopeful we will receive at least some indication of what the Government's policy is going to be by early September at the latest.

/s/
RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR.
Deputy Director
(Plans)

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